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1. Several USSR frigates have been turned over to the Chinese Communists by the Soviets. These are not of US manufacture, but were built in the Soviet Union and are old types.
2. Machine guns, rifles, mortars, other small arms, and obsolete artillery were sent by the Soviets to China and to North Korea. Both Soviet-made and US-made trucks were also supplied by the Soviet Union. Various types of Soviet tanks were also supplied to North Korea and China.
3. the Soviet Union may be supplying equipment to the Communists in Indo-China through Communist China; but that, if this is being done, no up-to-date USSR equipment is being sent. Such equipment probably also would include US and Japanese models in order to avoid charges of direct interference on the part of the Soviets. Soviet officials were very concerned over the display of USSR equipment in the United Nations, alleged by the UN in Korea to have been supplied to the Communist troops in North Korea.

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